

HCS HB 1114 -- LOCAL LOG TRUCKS

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (144)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill allows a local log truck to obtain an extended distance local log truck permit for an additional \$300. This permit allows the truck to transport harvested and processed forest products outside the 100-mile radius at weight limits specified for commercial vehicles.

This bill is similar to HB 2412 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would allow logging companies to use trucks registered as local log trucks and tractors to haul other forested products when the weather does not permit logging activities. Currently, these trucks must sit idle when companies cannot log due to inclement weather.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fitzwater and Missouri Forest Products Association.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the bill allows local log trucks to compete with other commercial trucks at a fraction of the registration cost.

Testifying against the bill was the Missouri Trucking Association.